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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ACID GASES
FROM PRESSURIZED NATURAL GAS
THAT IS CONTAMINATED WITH ACID
GAS COMPOUNDS AND RECOVERING
THE REMOVED ACID GASES AT AN
INCREASED PRESSURE LEVEL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action and before examination, please amend the application being filed concurrently herewith under 35 U.S.C. 371 as follows: